

CARES CRF Update

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COVID-19 Virus Update

TMC KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2020

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Effective Reproduction Rate, R(t)

- R(t) for the Greater Houston Area (9-county MSA) is **1.01**¹
 - This is above 1.0, which means the virus spread is increasing. Compared to:
 - Last week, R(t) was **1.13** for Greater Houston Area

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Testing

- The current 7-day average COVID-19 testing positivity rate is **4.1%** for TMC hospital systems. Compared to:
 - Last week³: **4.2%**
 - Last month: **3.4%**

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New cases

- Yesterday, **661 new people**² were reported as testing positive for COVID-19 in the Greater Houston Area. DSHS also released **104** older cases recently reported as of yesterday. Compared to:
 - Last week: **643** new cases/day
 - Last month: **394** new cases/day

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Hospitalizations

- Yesterday, TMC **admitted 117 new COVID-19 patients** in TMC hospital institutions⁴. Compared to:
 - Last week: **102** hospitalizations/day
 - Last month: **76** hospitalizations/day

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ICU capacity

- Yesterday, TMC's ICU Phase 1 (non-pandemic configurations) is **93% full**, and TMC is not into Phase 2 plans for intensive care.

1. <https://sph.uth.edu/dept/bads/covid19-dashboard>

2. Source: TX Health and Human Services (<https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/AdditionalData.aspx>)

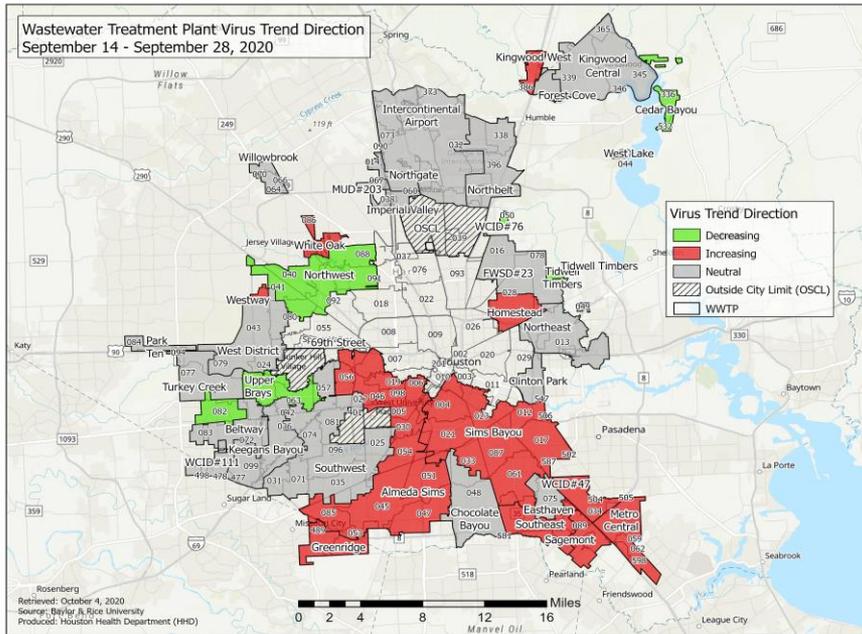
3. Testing positivity charts from the TMC hospital systems have been added to the daily metrics, in addition to the charts presented from the Texas Department of State Health Services data for the Greater Houston Area. Values from the most recent week may be updated as new test data is compiled.

4. Source: Internal data collected from the systems CHI Texas Division, Harris Health System, Houston Methodist, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Memorial Hermann, Texas Children's Hospital, UTMB

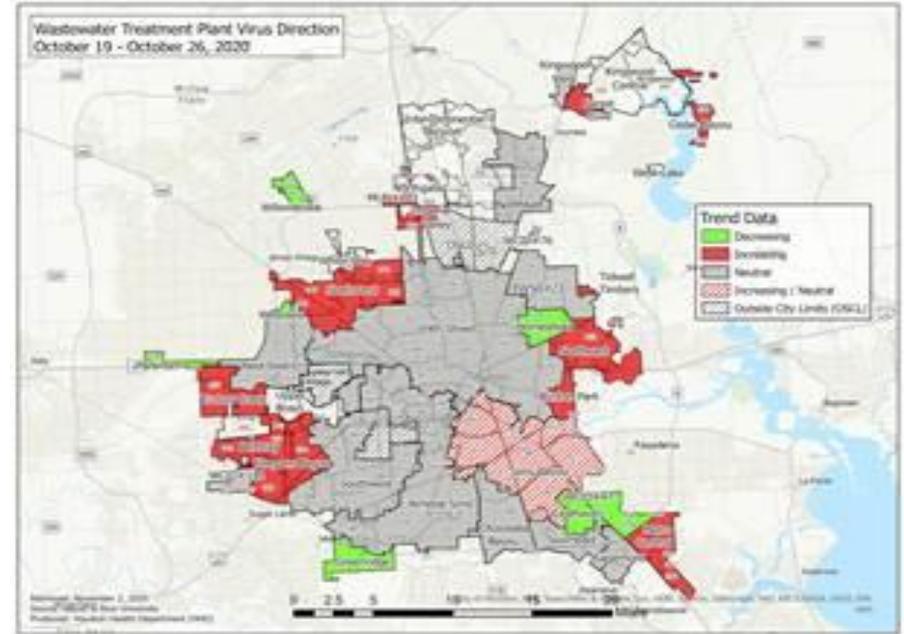


Wastewater Sampling – An Early Indicator of Virus Prevalence

Wastewater Virus Two Week Trend- (9/14-9/28)



Wastewater Virus Two Week Trend- (10/19--10/26)



Collaboration: Houston Health Department, Rice, Baylor



CRF Spending Requirements

Use of Funds Requirements:

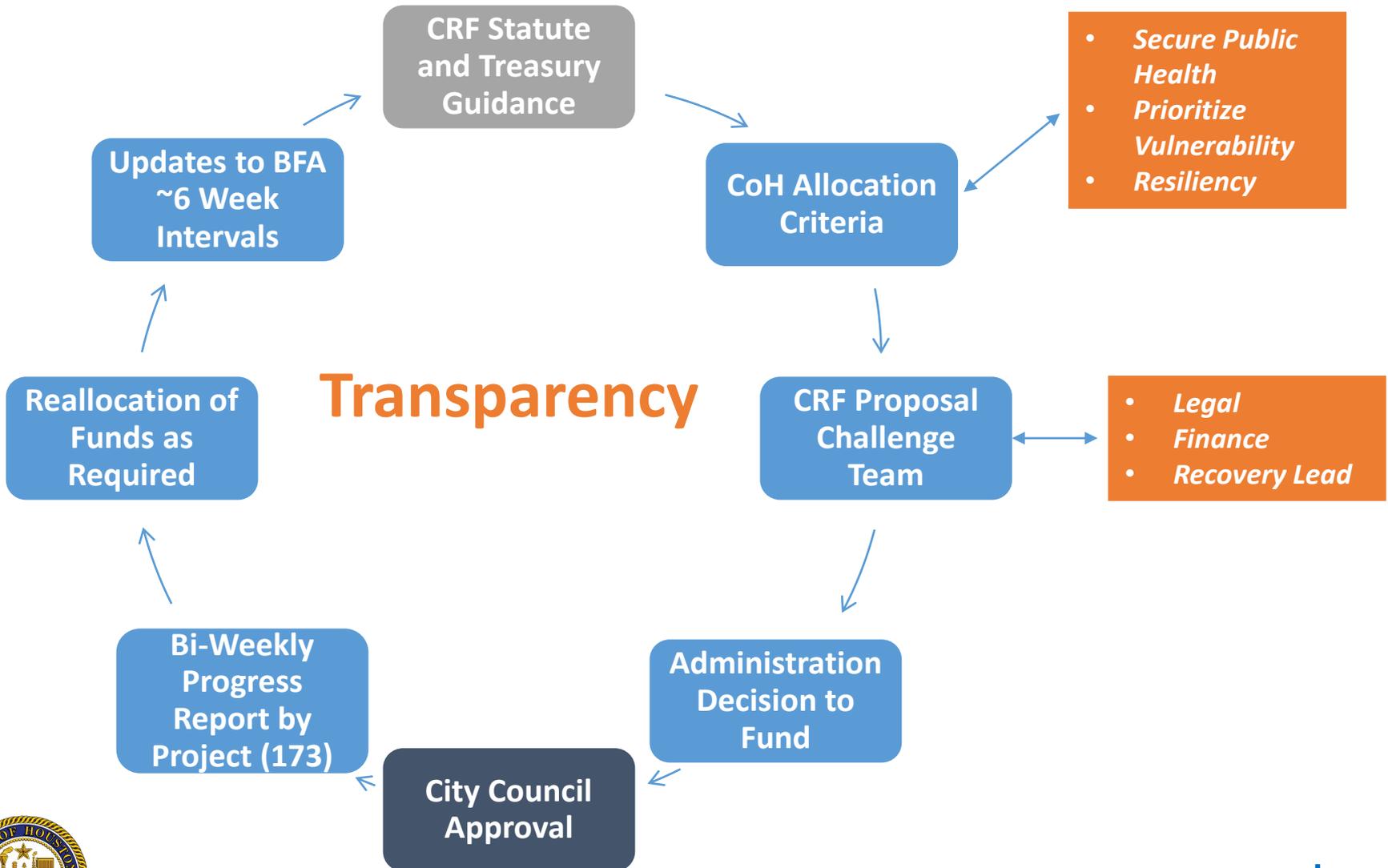
- Necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19.
- Were not part of a previously approved program (for the City, March 27, 2020); and
- Expenses that are incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.

Spending Deadline:

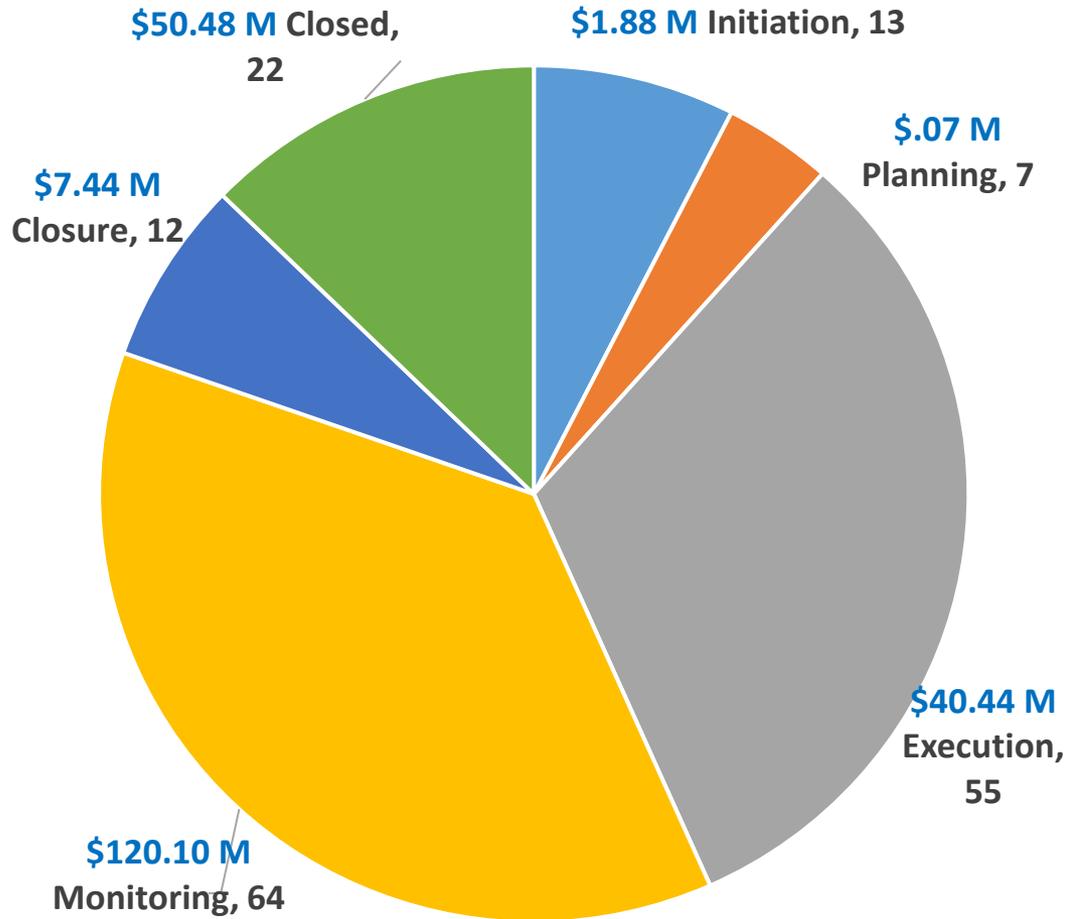
- Programs and initiatives must utilize allocated CRF during the covered period ending December 30, 2020.
- Subrecipients of a grant or loan provided by the City using CRF must also use the funds by the end of the covered period.



CRF Performance/Assurance Program



Project Performance Tracking



Key Takeaways

- 173 projects currently approved.
- Projects consistently progressing.
- Approximately \$220M* fully expended to date with significant additional funding committed.
- Bi-weekly performance tracking program in place.



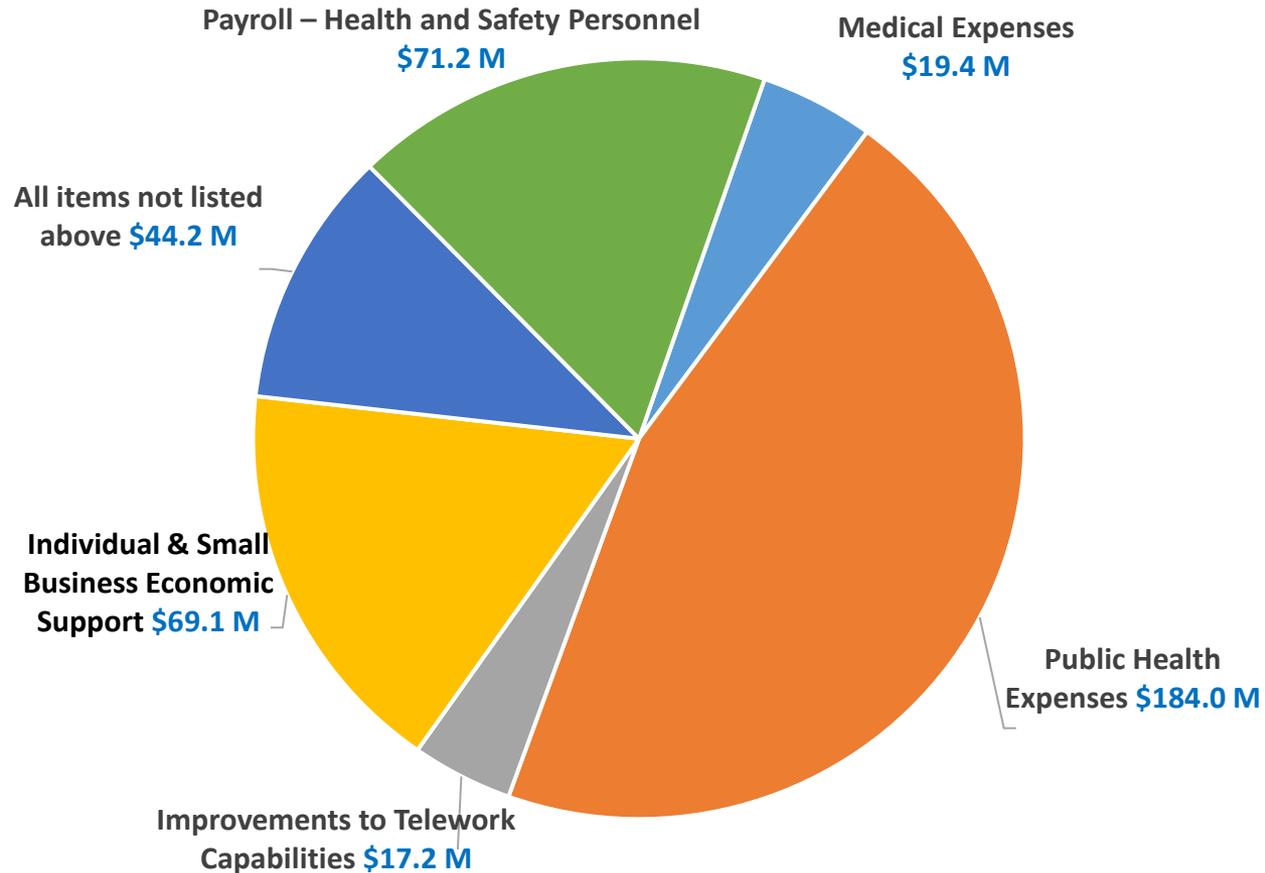
*Amount represents expended funds only and does not include encumbered spend or the spend which will occur between now and year end.

CRF Allocation: Per Treasury (Federal) Categories

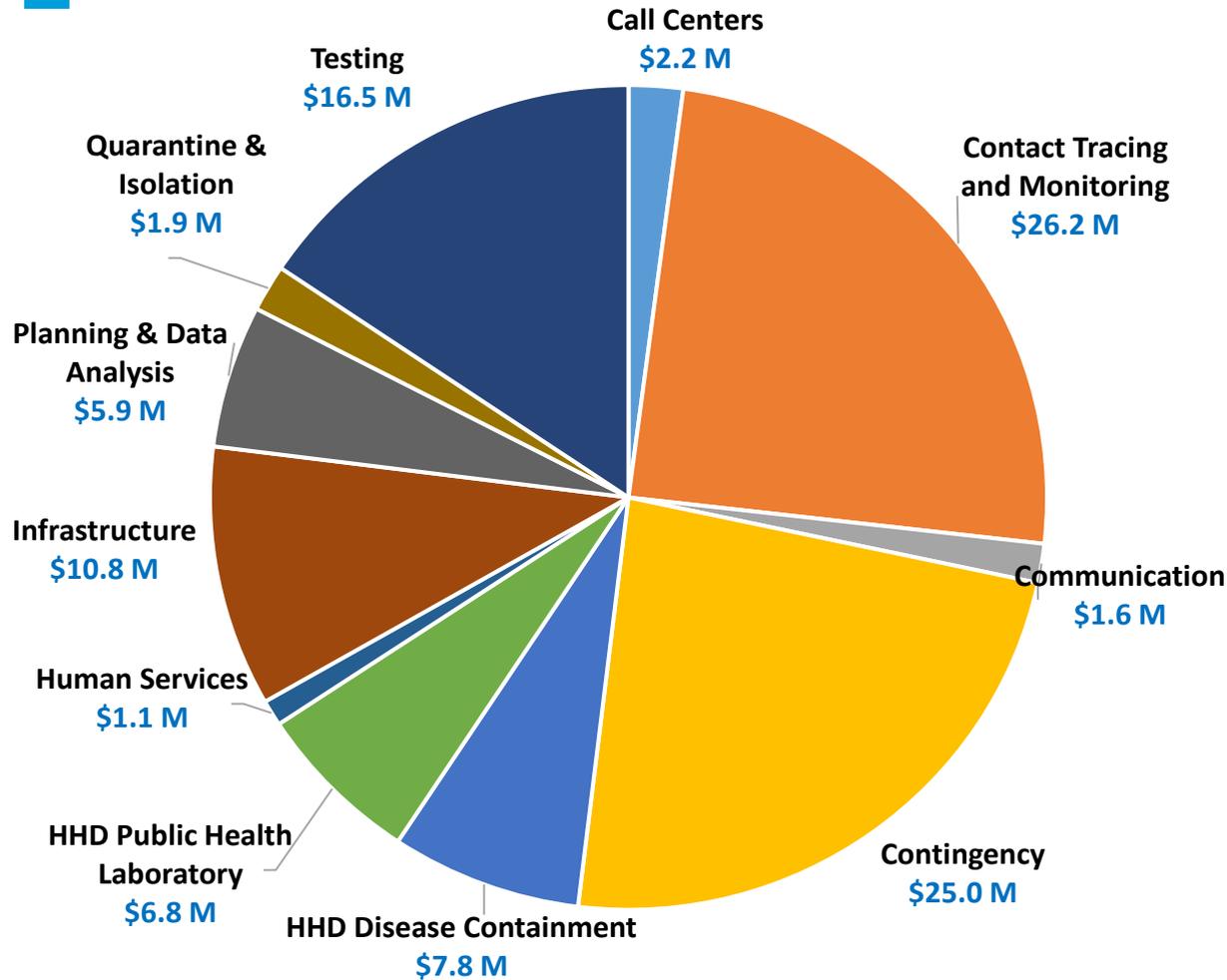
Total Amount Approved: \$405.1 million

Key Takeaways

- *\$405.1 million* – Total CRF
- *\$377 million* – Funds Approved
- *\$12.8 million* – Citywide Contingency
- *\$10 million* – Holdover



Health and Safety Programs Update



Key Takeaways

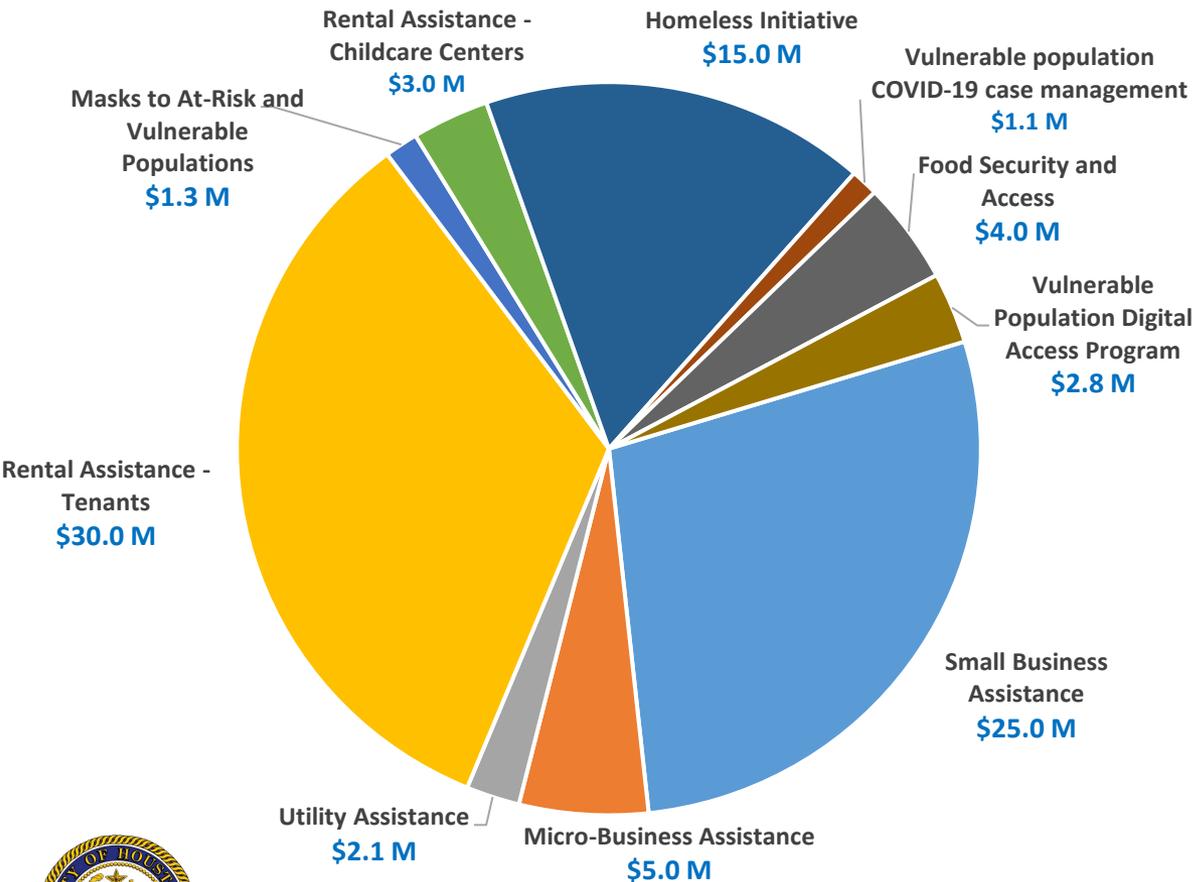
- ~\$106 million total
- 11,694 average tests per week (since March 2020)
- 1,334 new contact case assignments per week
- ~2,000 COVID-19 hotline calls answered per day
- ~1.3 million meals to seniors, disabled, and isolated or quarantined individuals
- 1,103 individuals provided in-home testing



Direct Community Support Programs

CRF \$89.2 million

Key Takeaways



- Focus on vulnerable populations
- ~\$60 million already distributed in rental and small business financial assistance
- Over 20,000 Houstonians have received direct financial assistance



Communications and Community Outreach Programs

Key Takeaways

- \$6.2 million total CRF allocation
- Excellent internal department coordination and alignment
- Bi-weekly coordination with Harris County, TMC and others
- Vulnerable community focus



**Better.
Together.**

**WASH HANDS. WEAR A MASK.
SOCIAL DISTANCE. GET TESTED.**

We are better when we all do our part to stop the spread of COVID-19. Together, we can put Houston on the road to recovery. Thank you for making H-Town BETTER. TOGETHER.

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DEPARTMENT

MASK UP!

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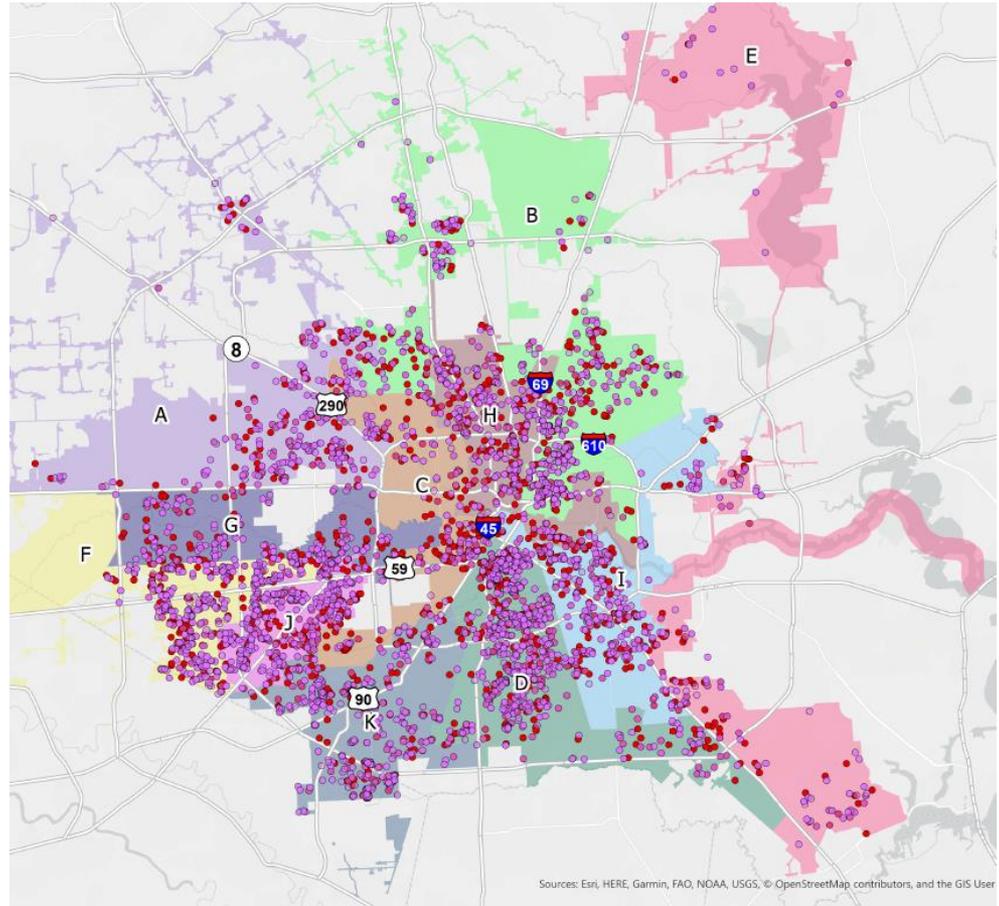
MAYOR SYLVESTER TURNER

SIMONE BILES
WORLD CHAMPION & OLYMPIAN

Rental Assistance Program

Key Takeaways

- ~\$30 million in rental assistance
- 17,036 applicants approved
- \$28.6 million distributed
- Nearly all funds have been distributed



Small Business Economic Relief Program

Key Takeaways

- **\$25 million** total CRF allocations
- **632** total grant recipients
- **\$12 million** disbursed (as of 11/3)
- **>\$20K** Average award
- **3,000** applications currently under review



Funding for the Arts

CRF Funding Allocation: \$2 million

538*

CARES Program for
Arts and Culture Grants
Were Awarded in Total

\$499,800

to 226
Individuals in Total

\$1,500,200

to 121
Organizations in Total

Program Highlights

Round 1	Round 2
333 Total Applicants	339 Total Applicants
269 Eligible Applicants	305 Eligible Applicants
104 Nonprofit Businesses	83 Nonprofit Businesses
165 Micro-Business (Individuals)	186 Micro-Business (Individuals)
\$959,500 distributed	\$1,040,500 distributed



Childcare Center Assistance

Key Takeaways

- *\$3 million* total investment
- *100* childcare center goal
- *~\$24,500* per center
- Detailed selection criteria
- Support also includes:
 - Business management training
 - Parent support and coaching
 - Enhanced teaching practices support



Recently Approved and Pending Programs

Program	Amount
Domestic Violence and Mental Health Support Program	\$7.0
Prevention of increased crime due to COVID-19	\$4.1
COVID-19 Workers Compensation Claims	\$3.4
Small Business Education and Support Program	\$2.0
Expansion of Wastewater Sampling	\$2.0
Temperature Screening Kiosks	\$1.5
Houston Forensic Science COVID-19 Expenses	\$1.3
Disposal of Increased COVID-19 Litter	\$0.5
Exposure to Evictions Program	\$0.2
Community Health Data Support	\$0.2



Financial Assistance Program

The remaining unallocated funds (~\$20 million plus any remaining contingency) will go to direct community assistance.

- Identification of candidates via assistance criteria
- Anticipate over subscription and will use lottery system for selection
- Funds may be utilized to cover costs associated with:
 - Food access
 - Health Care
 - Childcare
 - Transportation
 - Other Necessary Expenses



Questions?



THANK YOU!

